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Taken By Death

J. H. RECTOR

J. H. Rector, Who

Died Here Tuesday

Church Leader Been

Here Since 1904

Carolina in the year of 1895 and

mercantile business up until

lumber business, connected with

county and was in the lumber

business up until 1906, with the

Cardwell-Kreger Lumber com-

pany. He then moved to Staun-

ton, Va., where he was engaged

in farming up until 1911. After

that he was again prevailed upon

to move back to Wilkes county,

where he went back into the

lumber business with the Card-

well-Kreger Lumber company

and continued with this company

until about 1925, after which he

In North Wilkesboro Mr. Rec-

tor was a pioneer in business,

church and fraternal life, aiding

materially in early progress of

North Wilkesboro and this com-

In the First Methodist church

ber and had filled many official

the board of stewards of his

Masonic Fraternity, having re-

He was elected a member

North Wilkesboro Building and

was of great value to that in-

stitution throughout the latter

years of his long and useful life.

The institutions to which Mr.

Rector belonged recognized and

appreciated his abilities and

judgment as being sound and

logical. Loyal to his friends, his

stand was always for the finer

Mr. Rector was 82 years of

age, and was a son of the late

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Rector,

of Saltville, Va. He was preced-

ed in death by his wife-only a

few years ago and is survived by

two sons and two daughters: F.

B. Rector, Chilhowie, Va.; Mrs.

Va.; J. B. Rector, Meadow View,

Funeral service was held this

afternoon at the First Methodist

church in this city and was con-

ducted by Rev. H. M. Wellman,

pastor of the Wilkesboro Metho-

dist church, and Rev. Watt M.

Cooper, pastor of the First Pres-

byterian church. Dr. Gilbert R.

Combs, First Methodist pastor,

was ill. Burial was in Mount

Rural Retreat, Va.

Lawn Memorial Park.

P. McCready, Glade Springs,

retired from active business.

munity.

Winston-Salem.

things in life.

for several days.

Funeral Held For

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Thursday, March 20, 1947

The Journal-Patriot Has Blazed the Trail of Progress In the "State of Wilkes" For Over 40 Years

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENT, CIVIC AND RECREATION PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY CHEST DISCUSSED

Board of Directors of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Have Busy Session; Sparger Tells Of Telephone Company Plans

service in North Wilkesboro and be presented to the city council Wilkesboro awaits only the 50 as a recommendation of the per cent additional office equip- chamber for improvements. ment scheduled for shipment to The Board of Directors disthe local telephone office," W. cussed the formation of a Com-E. Sparger, district manager of munity Chest and President J. the Central Telephone Company, B. Williams appointed a special told the Board of Directors of the committee to make an investiga-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce at tion as to the possibility of ora meeting on Tuesday. "This ganizing such a chest in Wilkes ment from ninety to one hundred chamber has been in communiOf Organization Disand twenty days from now." cation with a number of differ-Sparger are pointed out that the ent community chests over the shortage of copper and lead is entire country, and the commitone of the biggest drawbacks to- tee will study the material se-

ward getting telephone equip- cured by this method. ment. He also reiterated to the The Board of Directors dis-Board of Directors of the Wilkes cussed courtesy tags to put on Chamber the fact that one can visitors' cars. It was decided that save time on long distance calls they should recommend to the by simply giving the name of the city council the printing of such city that one wishes to call to the cards as a hospitality gesture to first operator that answers your visitors. Present at this meeting telephone. This will make it more were: J. B. Williams, President; convenient for the caller and the Richard Johnston, J. B. Carter,

The directors of the chamber Finley, C. J. Swofford, W. K. received a report from a special Sturdivant, J. R. Hix, Russell sub-committee of the Civic Af- Gray, Jr., Paul Osborne, N. S. fairs and Recreation Committees Forester, W. G. Gabriel, W. D. on needed improvements for the Halfacre, Eugene Trivette, Mantowns of North Wilkesboro and ager Forrest Jones, and W. E. Wilkesboro. This report was Sparger of Central Telephone Co.

Naval Reserve

nounces Four Have En-

listed; May Get Unit

nounces that the following

named men were enlisted today

This is the beginning of a

drive to enlist men in the Naval

Reserve Inactive Duty. Men from

17 to 18 1-2 and men from 30

to 40 who have had no military

the Naval Reserve, providing

they are physically and other-

on active duty in World War II

are eligible to enlist, providing

they were discharged with an

Men from 17 to 64 who served

tive duty.

wise qualified.

for ex-service men.

the Naval Reserve V-6.

day, at the Post Office.

near Wilkesboro.

Caldwell county.

conduct the service.

Visitors welcome.

Mrs. Hartley, 91,

Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Julia Ann Hartley, mem-

of Wilkes county's oldest resi-

dents. She was born June 17,

Surviving Mrs. Hartley are

MASONIO NOTICE

Recruiting For

To Speak Sunday

Published Mondays and Thursdays

Commerce Holds

Of Organization Dis-

First luncheon meeting of the Wilkes County Junior Chamber of Commerce was held Wednesday, one p. m., at the Blankenship's Cafe.

Principal business of the meeting was discussion of coming activities. Edward S. Finley, president, presided. He presented J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, who very appropriately welcomed the Junior Chamber organization and commended the young men for their interest and efforts Pioneer Business, Civic And to make the Wilkesboros and all Wilkes county a better place in which to live and do business. C. C. Faw, Jr., vice president

of the Junior Chamber, reported that the organization now has 31 members and that the immediate goal is 40 to 50 members with a full fledged membership drive after activities get under way. He also stated that a clean up-paint up campaign will be paign. On that project committee are Ralph Buchan, E. L.

Attendance at the meeting meetings every first and third Wednesday at one p. m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, at Blanken-

This Ghost Business At Roaring River On Wednesday, Mar. 26

D. V. Deal, W. O. Absher, R. G.

Unit Under Way A three-act mystery comedy that is sure to provide a full the first major activity and may evening of hilarious and thrilling include a paper collection cam-Recruiting Officer Anentertainment will be presented by the senior class of Roaring River high school on Wednesday, Derrick, James Lowe and Charles March 26, 7:30, at the school. The plot revolves around two Petro Kulynych, volunteer re-

punch that will leave the audi-

ence highly pleased. in the U. S. Naval Re rve V-6: Students in the cast are as fol-Byrd, W. E. Route 2, North lows: Junior Howard, F. D. Pre- ship's Cafe. Wilkesboro: Byrd, M. E., Route vette, Jim Stone, Ruth Pardue, 1, North Wilkesboro; Anderson, Norval Duncan, Lorene Johnson, J. R., North Wilkesboro; Jack-Opal Harris, Annie Lee Johnson, James A. Johnson Mary Hunter and Mauvreen Genson, J. R., North Wilkesboro. They were issued orders to inac-

Admission charge will be 25 and 50 cents, and will go into the gymnasium fund.

to 40 who have had no military service are eligible to enlist in Knights of Pythias **Speaking Contest** On Monday Night

The County Contest in the Knights of Pythias speaking con- some time resided at Ronda and capacities with distinction. For honorable discharge under honorable condition. There is no test will be held in the Knights in Elkin before moving to his many years he was a member of physical examination required of Pythias Lodge hall in North present home. Wilkesboro, Monday night, March If enough men can be obtained 24, 1947, at 7:30 p. m. the Navy Department will install

The subject will be "Juvenile North Wilkesboro, for the train- Cure."

ing of the enlisted personnel of The contest is open to all boys Any one who is interested in born on or after September 1, enlisting in the Naval Reserve 1928, and to all regularly enare asked to contact Mr. Petro rolled students in high school or Kulynych by mail or the Navy preparatory school of high school Recruiter, in town every Wednesrank without regard to age, ex-

ious finals. The North Wilkesboro Lodge is offering the following prizes for winners in the County Contest: First prize \$25.00. Second prize \$15.00. Third prize \$10.00.

The winner of the County of a well known Wilkes fam-Contest will compete in the Grand Domain Contest. The winner of the Grand Domain Conthe home of a son, F. J. Hartley, test will compete in the Sectional Contest. The winner of the Mrs. Hartley, age 91, was one Sectional Contest will compete in the Regional Contest. The Regional winners will compete in 1855, a daughter of the late the Final Contest, August 14, Charlie and Emily Coffey of 1947 at Beaumont, Texas. To the winner of First place in the Final Contest there will be March 24, at 1:30 in the Town two sons, F.' J. Hartley, of Wil- awarded a scholarship of \$750.00 Hall in North Wilkesboro. This kesboro, and Charlie Hartley, of at any college or university to is a very important meeting as be selected by the winner. Second plans will be made for the Wom-Funeral service will be held prize will be a \$500.00 scholar- en's Day meeting in Elkin on Va.; and Mrs. R. L. Humphrey, Friday, 11 a. m., at Reins-Stur- ship. Third prize will be a \$300 April 22. All members are urged

burial will be in Mount Lawn a \$200 scholarship. Memorial Park. Rev. W. L. Tri- The County Contest, Monday the privilege of having 100 womvette and Rev. R. L. Isbel will night will be open to the pub-

MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a regular convo-There will be a special com- cation of North Wilkesboro nication of Liberty Lodge No. Chapter No. 78, Royal Arch Ma-A. F. & A. M., Monday night sons, Friday night, March 21, calf pneumonia during the harsh March 24th, 1947 at 7:30 p. m. 1947 at 7:30 p. m. Work in the late winter and early spring for work in the third degree. All Most Excellent Master Degree. members urged to be present. All companions urged to be pres-

Scout Executive Is At Moravian Falls

Ralph Harbison, Scout Executive of the Old Hickory council, will speak Sunday morning, 11 a. m., at the Moravian Falls Baptist church.

"Youth" will be the subject of the address by the Scout "Improvement of the telephone adopted by the board and will Executive and the public has a cordial invitation to the service.

Junior Chamber Its First Meeting

cussed At Meeting

Sink.

cruiting officer for U. S. Naval coupes who rent a lakeside cot- Wednesday totaled 24 and the or-

Rites Wednesday

James A. Johnson, age 74 well known citizen of the North Wilkesboro route one community north of this city, died Tuesday, 3:10 a. m., at his home. He had been in ill health for the past several months.

Mr. Johnson, son of the late John and Frances Inscore Johnson, spent a greater part of his life in Wilkes county, and for

Surviving Mr. Johnson are his church. He was a member of the wife, Mrs. Lou Emma Johnson, and six sons and daughters: Mrs. ceived the Blue Lodge degree and a radar and radio station in Delinquency, Its Cause and Matt Childress, Oakwoods; Mrs. was a member of Lodge No. 407 Fred Brooks, and Mrs. Phillip A. F. & A. M. He was also a Newman, North Wilkesboro route member of the Royal Arch Chapand girls in the county who were one; Richard Johnson, Graham; ter of North Wilkesboro and was Woodrow Johnson, Bloomfield, a member of Zabud Council No. Ohio; John Johnson, North Wil- 16, Royal & Select Masters, of kesboro route two.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m. at Baptist of the board of directors of the cept first prize winners in prev- Home church, of which Mr. Johnson was a member. Rev. J. E. Loan Association in 1923, and Hayes and Rev. Willis Byrd con- his valuable business judgment ducted the service.

County Council Of Home Clubs Will Meet On Monday

By MARGARET MORRISON (Assistant Home Agent)

The Wilkes County Council of the Home Demonstration clubs will meet Monday afternoon, divant chapel in this city, and scholarship. Fourth prize will be to be present.

Wilkes county has been given en attend this meeting. At the lic and all are invited to attend. council meeting it will be decided which women will go to Elkin.

> "Baby your calves" and guard against the serious danger of weather, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, professor of Veterinary Science at State College.

Builder of Atom Bomb Speaker At Methodist Here

Edwin L. Jones Will Be Speaker at Laymen's Day Sunday Morning

Edwin L. Jones, of Charlotte, who from the beginning has been intimately connected with the development of the Atom bomb, and who is a prominent Christian layman, will speak at the morning worship hour next Sunday morning at the First Methodist church. Mr. Jones will also speak to the combined adult classes at 10 a. m.

Sunday will be observed as the annual Layman's Day at this church and laymen will have complete charge of the morning worship.

man of the Board of Stewards and Church Lay Leader, will preside and will be assisted in conducting the worship service by W. D. Halfacre, former chairman of the Board.

Miss Dot Gabriel will sing. Edwin Jones is a son of J. A. Jones, founder of the nationally known J. A. Jones Construction company. He is co-manager and secretary-treasurer of the com-

Edwin was at the Bikini atom bomb tests as an official representative of the Manhattan project which he helped so much to J. H. Rector, for several de-build. He is a leading layman of cades one of North Wilkesboro's the Methodist church, a trustee most highly esteemed citizens, of Duke University and head of died Tuesday night, 10:15, at the the Y. M. C. A. branch in Char-Wilkes hospital. He had been ill lotte. In addition to the Manhattan project, the Jones company J. H. Rector was born in under direction of Edwin Jones Smythe county, Va., in town of broke all records in army camp Saltville. He moved into North construction during the war.

It is expected that a large conlocated at Crumpler, Ashe coun- gregation will hear Mr. Jones in ty, N. C., where he was in the the service here Sunday.

1900. He then moved to Abing-don, Va., where he was in the Chinese History pany. In 1904 he came to Wilkes | 10 Illito Coll The Kiwanis Club Mrs. Chas. Hudson

Dr. Frontis Johnson, guest of Funeral On Friday Friday noon at the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis meeting.

Dr. Johnson, professor of history at Davidson College, made city, died today, 12:15 a. m., at a most interesting and enlight the Wilkes hospital. She had tened address on the problem been ill for several months. presented by China. The present civic war is nothing new, it has and favorably known here and been going on for years and was had many, friends throughout only interrupted, not stopped, this community, was born on by the World War. Soon after the Christmas Day, 1891, at Fort first World War Sin Yatt Sin Mills, S. C. She was a daughter tried to unify China by getting of the late John Elms and wife, all elements to work together Mrs. Elizabeth Elms. and tried to form a representative central government and So-husband; three sons, Charles Mr. Rector was a devoted memcial Justice. This was revolution- Hudson, Jr., Oren Hudson and ary in the thinking of a China- Bill Hudson; one daughter, Mrs. man and revolutions swept the Elsie Johnson; mother, Mrs. country. He did not expect to es- Elizabeth Elms, and one sister. tablish these ideals without outside help. Upon failure to get Friday, three p. m., at the First help from the United States, Baptist church in North Wilkesthem to train an army to subdue Mount Lawn Memorial Park. the rebel elements to the North. One of the brightest and most aggressive Chinese soldiers was Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek who became the national leader upon the death of Sin Yatt Sin.

During the recent war the U. S. entered the picture whether they wanted to or not and now as the occupier of Japan their interest becomes permanent.

The Communist party has increased 8 or 10 times during the last few years and the Go-me-don nounced today by Rev. W. N. party is so corrupt that no peace Brookshire as follows: or internal settlement for China can be foreseen within the lifetime of anyone present.

It seems that Russia and the U. S. face each other in China. The U.S. keeps trying to contain Russia in many places, Greece, Turkey and China. Serious devisions are ahead for our coun-

try, the speaker said. Guests Friday were: A. P. Snow with Paul Vestal, Bob Hub. bard with Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Jack Swofford with J. B. Carter, Alex Biggs with E. F. Gardner, Pat Williams, Jr., and Charles Williams with Pat Williams.

Dr. Gilbert Combs announced that the churches are promoting a drive for overseas relief.

Last Rites Today For Mrs. Johnson Funeral service was held to-

day at Oak Forest Church for Robinson and Rev. Mr. Luffman, tension Service.

Workers Urged To Send In Red Cross

For the convenience of canassers who are not able to visit the chapter office at any other time the local Red Cross office will remain open until five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, March 22nd and again on March 29th to receive contributions, A substantial portion of the quota of \$7,500 has been raised, but many solicitors have not yet completed their part of the canvass nor sent in complete reports.

Baker Slayer Is To Die Good Friday

Richard B. Johnston, chair- State Supreme Court Upholds Conviction And Sentence in Wilkes

> Richard Horton, negro convicted in Wilkes court for the robbery killing of Francis Baker, must die in the gas chamber in state prison on Good Friday, April 4, unless Governor Cherry grants a stay of execution.

In a decision handed down yesterday the supreme court upheld the conviction and sentence given Horton in the December term of Wilkes superior court.

Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy in the Horton opinion wrote: "The deceased was a taxi driver. On the night of October 26, 1946, he was engaged by the defendant (Horton) to drive him from North Wilkesboro to Millers Creek, a distance of about The property is located on the 15 miles. While on this trip, the east side of the county home defendant slew the deceased. took his car and drove it to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was No Driver License apprehended. The defendant, in a signed confession, admitted that he shot the deceased and took his automobile. He inter-|suance of drivers' license to 15posed the defense of mental ir- year old applicants will be dis-

Mrs. Sumie Elms Hudson, 55

wife of Charlie Hudson, of this

Mrs. Hudson, who was well

Survivnig Mrs. Hudson are her

Funeral service will be held

Veterans Housing Reports This Week Projects Lots To Be Bought By 1st

serving 100,000 people in

Northwestern Carolina,

Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

All Who Are To Buy Lots On County Home Plot Must Pay by April 1st

Early action on the veterans housing project started on a tract of land purchased from Wilkes county was assured this week when Harry T. Kerley, adjutant of the Wilkes post of the American Legion, announced that those who are to buy the 39 building sites must pay the purchase price by April 1.

A beautiful tract of land containing 13.41 acres and subdivided into 39 building sites was made available to veterans when the Wilkes county board of commissioners decided to sell that portion of the county home farm property.

Veterans made application for the lots, and in order that deeds may be delivered and construction of homes can be started, those in charge have set April 1 as the deadline for payment for the lots.

Veterans purchasing the lots may obtain their deeds and pessession of the property by full payment to Harry T. Kerley by April 1. Those who fail to pay by that date will forfeit all rights to purchase, Mr. Kerley said.

Preliminary plans call for extending North Wilkesboro water lines to the property and ultimately to include the housing project in the corporate limits of the town of North Wilkesboro. farm and north of highway 268.

For 15-Year-Olds

Effective March 19, 1947, isresponsibility. The jury has re- continued, acording to J. C.

> An emergency bill passed on March 19, 1945, by the State Legislature expired two years after its ratification. The bill authorized license to 15-year-

Meeting Friday To Seek Opening Of **Tubercular House**

A public meeting of citizens and groups interested in having the county tubercular hospital re-opened will be held Friday, 7:30 p. m., in the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Civic, health and church organizations are behind a movement to have the county commissioners re-open the county tubercular hospital as one means of halting the spread of tuberculosis in Wilkes county. A recent report showed that Wilkes is the third highest county in the state in number of cases and that 30 from the county are in state sanitoriums, which are filled and have many on the waiting lists. Health authorities said that the situation is alarming because cases not isolated may spread the disease to many other people. All who are interested in the fight against tuberculosis are urged to attend the meeting.

Square Dance Friday At Moravian Falls

Another in a series of highly enjoyable square dances will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at the Moravian Falls community house.

The Moravian Falls square dances have been well attended and many have enjoyed the entertainment and recreation afforded.

Wanderers of the Wasteland, popular local string band, will again furnish the music. Profits from the admission charge are for the Community House Improvement fund. All are cordially invited to attend.

Teen Age Center To Have a Square Dance

Wilkes 'Teen Age Center, which operates in the V. F. W. Hall on C street opposite the North Wilkesboro postoffice, will in Wilkes county are invited.

Britain or France he turned to boro, of which Mrs. Hudson was Moscow and made a deal with a member. Burial will be in **Rural Chairmen Red Cross Drive**

Named In Wilkes A partial list of rural chairmen in the Red Cross fund campaign in Wilkes county was an-Moravian Falls, Mrs. Lawrence

Critcher. Boomer, Mrs. O. B. Smith. Ferguson, D. C. Redmond. Spurgeon, S. C. Hutchinson. Lovelace, Mrs. Roma Jarvis. Mt. Pisgah, Mrs. Carl McCar-

Hunting Creek, Mrs. E. P. In-Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Latt Beshears.

Hendrix, W. O. Barnett. Maple Springs, T. C. Orsborne. Millers Creek, P. W. Greer. Mulberry, Warner Elledge. Mountain View, E. M. White. Traphill. Fred G. Gilreath. Ronda, R. O. Poplin, Jr. Clingman, Mrs. C. W. Hanes. Benham, Coy Durham. Roaring River, Mrs. J. P. Pardue.

Lincoln Heights, J. R. Edelin.

Peanut production demonstra-Mrs. Elvira Johnson, 85, who tions will be conducted in Curri- have a square dance Saturday died Tuesday at her home in tuck County this year, according night, 7:30. Wanderers of the Antioch township. The service to V. H. Reynolds, assistant farm Wasteland will furnish the music. was conducted by Rev. Parks agent for the State College Ex- All boys and girls of 'teen age